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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 ALEJANDRA CRUZ, et al.,)
9 Plaintiff(s),) No. C04-0179 CW (BZ)
10 v.) **ORDER EXCUSING ATTENDANCE AT**
11 CITY OF OAKLAND, et al.,) **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**
12 Defendant(s).)
13 _____)

14 Some defendants have filed a timely request to have their
15 insurer's claims representative, Brent Estergard, excused
16 from personally attending the settlement conference. Since no
17 opposition was filed, the Court reluctantly excuses Mr.
18 Estergard's personal attendance. The Court **ORDERS** Brent
19 Estergard to be available by telephone Thursday, December 15,
20 2005. If the Court concludes that his absence is interfering
21 with the settlement discussions, the Court may continue the
22 settlement conference, require his personal attendance and
23 impose appropriate sanctions.

24 Dated: December 1, 2005

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26 Bernard Zimmerman
27 United States Magistrate Judge